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1. CHARGE DISCUSSED PLANS OCTOBER 8 FOR PREPCON WITH DIRECTOR OF THE PRESIDENCY BISENGIMANA AND ZOLA, HEAD OF ZAIRE'S DELEGATION TO APRIL PREPCON. WHILE, AS USUAL, NO OFFICIAL POLICY HAS BEEN DEFINED, PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO AMERICAN POSITIONS AS OUTLINED REF B WAS SYMPATHETIC. COMPOSITION OF COMMISSION MEMBERS WAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO ZOLA WHO THOUGHT THAT MEMBERSHIP SHOULD REFLECT PROPORTIONAL STRENGTH OF THE GROUPS. ZAIRE ALSO SHOWED STRONG INTEREST IN THE SITES FOR COMMISSION MEETINGS. ZOLA MENTIONED THAT NEW YORK WOULD BE GOOD SITE FOR DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS AND, NATURALLY, THAT KINSHASA WOULD BE APPROPRIATE SITE FOR RAW MATERIALS COMMISSION. HE IS EXTREMELY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT LATTER IDEA (I.E., KINSHASA'S ROLE). SHOULD THE US FIND IT IN  
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ITS INTEREST TO SEPARATE COMMISSIONS IN ORDER TO

DECREASE LINKAGE, ZAIRE'S DELEGATION WOULD BE SORELY TEMPTED TO SUPPORT IDEA IF IT THOUGHT ZAIRE COULD HOST RAW MATERIALS COMMISSION.

2. BISENGIMANA WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ABLE ATTEND PREPCON. ZOLA KINKELA MPAKA WILL AGAIN HEAD ZAIRE'S DELEGATION TO PREPCON. HIS BIO DATA REPORTED REF C. ONLY ADDITION IS THAT HE HAS RECENTLY MADE A TRIP TO THE PRC AND NORTH KOREA, AS PART OF A CAMPAIGN BY WHICH ZAIRE SEEKS TO EXPAND ITS COPPER SALES TO COUNTRIES FORMERLY NOT REGULAR CUSTOMERS. ZOLA HAS NEGOTIATED SEVERAL BARTER OR LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENTS WITH COMMUNIST BLOC COUNTRIES.

3. WE HEAR FROM VARIOUS SOURCES THAT GAHUNGA RUTI AND KITENGE (BIOS REPORTED REFS C AND D, RESPECTIVELY) WILL AGAIN REPRESENT ZAIRE. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THE DELEGATION WILL BE EXPANDED. WE KNOW, FOR INSTANCE, THE BANK OF ZAIRE IS WEIGHING A BID FOR A SEAT ON THE DELEGATION.

4. AS USUAL IN ZAIRE, GOZ'S POSITION WILL BE FORMULATED AT THE LAST MINUTE AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS. REF D MENTIONED ROLE BISENGIMANA ENJOYS IN DECISION MAKING HERE. CHARGE SAW HIM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM MYSTERY VISIT TO KUWAIT; IT WILL BE SEVERAL DAYS, HOWEVER, BEFORE GOZ CAN FOCUS FULLY ON PREPCON. WE HOPE TO HAVE FURTHER RESPONSE WITHIN NEXT TWO DAYS, INCLUDING QUESTION OF US-ZAIRIAN BILATERAL.

5. IN TALKING WITH CHARGE, BISENGIMANA ALLUDED TO BRITISH DIFFERENCE WITH EEC OVER FLOOR PRICE FOR OIL AS RESULT OF NORTH SEA PRODUCTION, PERHAPS INDICATING DEMARCHE MADE TO ZAIRIANS ON SUBJECT.  
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